

MOTION PICTURE NEWS

By LOUIS GLASER.

The Fleeting Show.

The New York Evening Journal has a peculiarly gifted young man, "Tad" Deagan, with a remarkable sense of humor, who is the author of a series of pictures which he calls "Indoor Sports." I'd like to make use of Tad's expression to label a favorite occupation.

One of the best little indoor sports there is, is the unprofitable one of "knocking the motion pictures," and it is confined to a select class—Newspaper and magazine writers of the "uplift" variety who look askance at the movies. The censorship agitation is the worst of the lot. The public, and especially the motion picture public, is very competent to decide what it likes and what is good for it. That fact is proved by the decided improvement in moving pictures. The directors of the big producing companies know that they must keep their hands upon the pulse of public opinion, and we may conclude, therefore, that it is essentially public opinion which is responsible for the moral, dramatic, and artistic improvement in the movies—and that without any censorship that is worth the powder to blow it up.

And then there are the gifted young writers who do not think of the crime which is instigated by the moving pictures. These chaps are the best little shudders in the business. They draw pathetic pictures of the innocent child of six summers who sees a picture showing a robbery and leaves the theater and holds up the policeman on the corner. They tell us of the terrible pictures which inspire arson and murder and divorce. Well, where are they? I see a good many moving pic-

tures—I've been seeing them ever since there have been any moving pictures to see and expect to see them a year or two from now. I have not seen or heard of any films which had a degrading moral influence. Some pictures are poorly acted or inartistic or inadequately produced—but in recent years I have not seen or heard of one which exercised an evil influence.

But the knockers are in the minority. The public is with the motion picture game and is strong for it.

The ninth of the "Adventures of Kathlyn," which you can see at the Virginia today, is a special two-reel picture which is also heralded with a sub-title, "The Spellbound Multitude." The spectacular merit of this effort cannot be questioned, nor can the acting and costuming be criticized. The plot, and the direction, however, are full of inconsistencies that are glaring. The photography is fairly good.

I ought to be fairly familiar with it, but I always jump when the little machine in Harry Crandall's box office window punches out a ticket. It is probably a good idea and there are no doubt many reasons for it, but I regard it with suspicion, and invariably expect it to spring at me. But the criticisms about the picture which is on the outside, and there aren't many of them at that.

They're dancing in greater numbers at the Orpheum. I dropped in yesterday at 4:15 and the floor was comfortably filled with young couples tangoing and hesitating and fishwalking. It's great stuff.

"Pop" Anderson says: "A fat man's life is a hard one—everybody always expects him to be in a good humor."

Queries and Comments.

"Movie" fans are invited to submit inquiries and comments to the Motion Picture Editor.

The Washington Herald, Motion Picture Editor, Dear Sir: I would like you to answer in your "Motion Picture Comments" as to what company you would suggest to send a strong political play. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. E. H.

There are several companies that make a specialty of producing political plays but I don't think it best to mention them in this column. If you will send me a self-addressed stamped envelope I will gladly give you the information you wish.

Dear Editor: Is the little lady who takes "leads" with the Vitaphone Company really Miss Anita Stuart, or is it our well-known pianist, Miss Flo Elmsler, of this town. If it is not the latter it is plainly seen that they have a chance of their double.

MRS. HARTSHORN.

She really is Miss Anita Stuart, and she is a very good pianist. The picture that she is in is a very good one.

Motion Picture Editor: Where would you suggest that I submit a scenario? Is there any newspaper contest now in operation where I could have a chance of making a large sum of money?

HOWARD G.

You certainly are mercenary, Howard. But if you want to make a large sum of money, why not submit your scenario to the New York Evening Sun scenario contest, in which the first prize is \$100?

Dear Motion Picture Editor: I saw a picture in Baltimore last week called "The Tenderfoot Hero," by Lubin, and I would like to know who played the part of Tom. Please answer me in your column.

MAY STURNESS.

Why go to Baltimore, May, when there are so many good theaters here? The part of Tom in the picture you mentioned was played by Henry King.

his child in the man's arms. Thus Mabel finds him. The remorse-stricken man tells her the dreadful story. Filled with pity, Mabel takes the infant from Richard's arms and promises to love it as though it were her own.

The Tattoo Mark.

Sally and Dan Brogan live with their father in a poor quarter of the city. Mr. Brogan is a man of quick temper and the children are often ill-treated when he is in these ugly moods. Dan sees a tattoo mark on the shoemaker's arm, and wants to have his arm tattooed also. To gratify his wish, he seeks open his father's tin savings bank and steals the money from it. Dan shows his sister Sally, the tattooed design on his arm.

Richard meets Sakhi, a native dancing girl. Shortly afterwards, he makes her his wife according to the native rite. Sakhi's heart almost breaks when Richard later tells her he must return home. Although he promises to return shortly, the boy forgets Sakhi when he meets Mabel upon his return to the States. Mabel agrees to marry Richard. On the island of Maukulu, Sakhi, with her newborn babe in her arms, waits for her lover's return.

Langbaum, a theatrical manager, comes to the island and sees Sakhi dancing before her child. The man induces her to come to America and go on the stage. Because it will take her near Richard, Sakhi leaves her home. Nahaku, her sister, goes with her.

The night before their wedding, Richard and Mabel go to the theater. Richard is thunderstruck when he discovers Sakhi on the stage. The girl does not know of her father's death. The weird dance scores a tremendous success. Sakhi is compelled to respond to the demand for an encore.

Just as the music commences, her eyes fall upon Richard. Intuition tells her he has proven faithless. Sakhi throws herself into the dance, holding the audience spellbound. At the climax she raises her knife and plunges it into her heart. Consternation reigns when it is discovered that the "dance of death" has ended in grim reality.

Richard hastens to the dressing-room. He claps Sakhi in his arms just as she breathes her last. Nahaku grimly places

Love's Sacrifice.

Exiled from Mexico, Don Jose, a wealthy Spanish grandee, crosses the border and is captured by a band of Indians under Chief Black Bull. All of those in the caravan are killed with the exception of Don Jose's baby daughter.

"Fair Good Thoughts Visit" were repeated and also "Snow White and the Seven Little Men." The stage is built out of doors in the court yard of the house and between the building a temporary stage has been erected, using the near-by porches of the houses for a "shift" of scene.

Snow White lives in the balcony with her cruel stepmother and her kind father. She is seen to leave her dwelling and miraculously to run down a flight of stairs and appear on the center stage with the dwarfs. The dwarfs are seven of the little girls of Neighborhood House and always must it be told that they too made their own costumes. Snow White and the bad, mean stepmother are two of the larger girls of the house.

During the May Festival, which will close Saturday evening, May 2, Neighborhood House will be open for the inspection of visitors from 3 o'clock each afternoon until 10 p. m., and the girls in their regular classes of cooking, sewing, and basket weaving and all the various departments will demonstrate their work.

This afternoon the plays will be repeated at a 3 o'clock matinee, followed by the crowning of the May Queen by Miss Mary Pickford. The Girls' Peace Club will give a May pole dance and the boys' clubs will give the Morris dances. "The Three Bears," "Red Riding Hood," and "The Sleeping Beauty" will be given by the kindergarten boys and the girls and boys' clubs in fairy dances will be seen.

At 5 p. m. "Snow White and the Seven Little Men" will be given by the Peace Club. "Fair Good Thoughts Visit" will be given by the Girls' Club. The Boys' Club will put on "Forest Revels," and the "Rainbow Fairies Dance" will be given by the Girls' Club. Supper in Neighborhood House will be served each evening from 5 until 7 o'clock.

Neighborhood House Tots Solve Domestic Troubles

In Fairy Play They Show How Swat the Fly, Rent Reducer, Fireless Cooker and Electric Washing Machine Lighten Burdens.

By MILDRED DILLON.

The Fairy Good Thoughts came and turned all that was squalid and untidy in the home and the minds of the inmates into all that was cleanly and beautiful and made a happy and more prosperous family of one that were before miserably unhappy and economically ignorant.

But Good had to come and stand outside the door of the workingman's home and then nobly horses carrying Social Service, Swat the Fly from Summer town, Ottawa Hill Road, Electric Fireless Cooker, Electric Washing Machine, Equal Rights in Her Turn at the Proper Cue, Peace, then the workingman's family understood everything that they were so ignorant of before and lived happily ever after.

The story was a vehicle telling of the work accomplished by the tenement model dwelling at the Neighborhood House and an economic fairy play cleverly written in verse by Mrs. John J. White, and played by the children of the Neighborhood House yesterday afternoon as the first day's program of the May Festival given for it's benefit at 470 N street northwest.

Sports and games of workaday folk in characteristic costumes of the different countries were demonstrated with music and dances by the members of the Girls' Club of Neighborhood House. The "Dance of the Flax," a German peasant dance in pretty costumes, made by the girls in their sewing classes. The "Brown Dance" and the "Shoemaker's Dance," two adaptations from the Dutch folk dances, were given in unique Dutch costumes made by the little tots of the house. The Irish washerwoman was danced by little Ethel Blackhorn.

In the evening the folk dances and

who has been secreted under the wagon train.

Black Bull takes the child into his tribe and brings her up like one of his own children. Years later, John Cobb and his partner become lost in the desert. Cobb is found unconscious before the body of his partner by Black Bull's adopted daughter, now known as "Little Fawn." Cobb is taken to the Indian village. There he falls in love with the rescued "Little Fawn" and marries her.

Soon after an Eastern farmer offers to buy the mining claim which Cobb and his dead partner had been working before they became lost in the desert. Cobb sells out at a good price and takes his bride back East to Washington, where he introduces her as a Spanish lady.

At a reception in Cobb's home two of the Indians in Black Bull's tribe who come to Washington to see the "Great White Father," visit "Little Fawn" and they continue to call her. Their visit greatly scandalizes society women at the reception, and believing "Little Fawn" to be an Indian they snub and "cut" her until the girl's spirit is crushed.

"Little Fawn" steals away and travels overland to the reservation. Cobb follows her, but too late. She is found by the revealing eyes of her birth people, and out the mound that marks her grave.

VERA CRUZ GOVERNOR RAPPED ADMINISTRATION

Chicago, April 30.—The appointment of Robert J. Kerr, Chicago and Mexico City, as governor of Vera Cruz, was received with surprise in Chicago, where Kerr has been known as an opponent of the administration's Mexican policy. He was a close friend of former President Porfirio Diaz, and at the latter's solicitation undertook several years ago the codification of Mexican laws at the time of the murder of Madero. About a year ago he returned to Chicago, and it was intimated that he had been invited to confer with Secretary Bryan on conditions in Mexico. He left Chicago April 4 for Tampico. Addresses he delivered prior to his departure marked hostility to the Wilson program.

We find the United States government favoring the government or the set of individuals, and the political party, the mob of bandits, pledged, if they get into power, to do things that will be favorable to the Standard Oil Company interests.

President Wilson or any member of his administration is taking any position because of the influence of Standard Oil, but I say that it is a very remarkable fact that the interests of the Standard Oil and the moral ideas of the Democratic administration happen to coincide.

Mr. Kerr declared Mexico fit only for a "benevolent dictatorship," and he criticized the Wilson program of aiding the constitutionalists against Huerta.

Under the Capitol Dome.

The Ways and Means Committee reported to the House the Sparkman bill designating Tampa as headquarters of the customs district of Florida.

The House Committee on Education heard a Hindu, Tishu Bhuria Kyawch Hla, of New York, in opposition to the Church Hindu exclusion bill. The witness said that the Hindu people in the United States should permit Indian labor to come in and assimilate American ideas and return to their homes to help make progress in their own country.

Former Secretary of the Interior Fisher testified before the House Public Lands Committee in support of the Ferris bill for the leasing of waterpower rights to the public domain. Mr. Fisher expressed his well-known views on conservation, and advocated Federal control of waterpower rights, saying that in the majority of instances State control was unsatisfactory.

A bill reinstating on the active list of the Marine Corps Lieut. Col. Chas. M. Perkins, retired, was passed by the Senate.

Senator Owen, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, reported favorably from that committee a bill to amend the new Federal reserve act. The bill provides that the Federal reserve banks be organized in the same manner as the State banks, and that the Federal reserve banks be organized in the same manner as the State banks, and that the Federal reserve banks be organized in the same manner as the State banks.

By a vote of 22 to 25 the Senate tabled a motion by Senator Jones, of Washington, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate had agreed to the conference report on the bill for Federal appropriation for aid to agricultural college extension work in cooperation with the States. The bill will now go to the President.

Unless there is another change of plan the Clayton bill embodying the administration's program of anti-trust legislation soon will be reported to the House, probably early next week. The Judiciary Committee will give further consideration to the question tomorrow. It probably will order the bill reported at the regular meeting of the committee to be held next Tuesday. Just when the bill will be taken up for debate has not been determined. In the meantime the Senate is considering anti-trust bills of its own. The Clayton bill, as amended by the House committee, represents the views on this question of the administration. It will be amended by the Senate committee as it seems to be taken for granted.

An effort to fix a definite time today for a vote on the McCumber bill for the Federal inspection and standardization of grain failed when Senator McCumber made it in the Senate. The bill will be taken up at 2 o'clock this afternoon and a vote may be had before adjournment today.

Beginning with May 1st and continuing until market conditions will not permit, the following prices will prevail:

Milk, per pint..... 4c
Milk, per quart..... 8c
Woodbridge Milk in sealed jars (quarts only)..... 10c
Special, No. 1, in sealed jars (quarts only)..... 10c
Cream, per pint..... 15c
Cream, per half-pint..... 8c
Double Cream, per pint..... 35c
Double Cream, per half-pint..... 18c
Buttermilk, per quart..... 7c

Should conditions obtain in the wholesale milk market that would make it unprofitable to handle milk at the above prices, I will be compelled to restore the former prices.

Thanking you for your past patronage, and hoping for a continuance of the same, I am,

Very respectfully,
C. THOMPSON.
324 B Street S. W.

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RED LIGHT DISTRICT MUST CLOSE JUNE 15

Court in Alexandria Serves Notice on Inmates of Houses that They Get Ready to Move Out.

Alexandria, Va., April 30.—By direction of Judge L. C. Bailey, of the Corporation Court, Alexandria's "red light" district is to be closed and closed for good. The time limit has been placed at June 15. After that date any person operating such a resort will be subject to arrest and imprisonment.

The ultimatum to the women was delivered in person by Mayor T. A. Fisher and Chief of Police C. T. Goods.

All of the inmates of the "district" when informed of the intention of the authorities, said they would comply with the mandate. While none of the inmates has as yet mapped out future plans it is safe to say that the majority will leave Alexandria long before the time set for the closing.

Mrs. Emma L. Robertson, secretary and general manager of the National Executive Criterium Mission, with headquarters in Washington, has agreed to take charge of any of the girls who will give up their present mode of living. Homes will be provided for them in different parts of the country and other arrangements for their care.

Judge Bailey's conference with Mrs. Robertson on the subject. Two trained workers from the mission will give up their present mode of living. Homes will be provided for them in different parts of the country and other arrangements for their care.

This city's segregated district consists of about nine houses, six for whites and three for colored. Police records show there are forty-three white women and fifteen colored women quartered there.

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There are as many arguments in favor of borrowed capital as there are against it. Most of our ablest financiers favor moderate indebtedness, but none of these experts would advise any one to take an undue risk. Borrowing is to be recommended only when the capital, either borrowed or otherwise obtained, is sufficient for the enterprise, and then only when backed by practical and long experience.

Failures are due, for the most part, either to lack of experience or lack of capital. Lack of experience stands for almost certain disaster, irrespective of the man or capital involved, and too little capital is seldom sufficient to allow even extensive experience and fair opportunity to succeed.

If you are enjoying a fair salary, with prospects of promotion, I should advise you to consider long and carefully before you embark in business for yourself. After you have obtained sufficient experience, and have proved to yourself and to discriminating others that you have good business capacity, then you may consider going to business for yourself if you have sufficient capital or have some capital and can borrow the balance on favorable terms.

It is better, however, for you to wait too long than to be premature. It is very difficult correctly to diagnose the future, to foresee emergencies. Practically every business, and particularly a new business, strikes a dead center; and the wheel of trade will not turn unless lubricated and properly balanced by experience and capital. Either without the other is not likely to revolve it.

I say, therefore, to the young man who would go into business for himself, Perfect yourself in your line, study it, and experience it from every standpoint. Consult with others, and wait.

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Getting a Start BORROWED CAPITAL

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I addressed the following question to 273 prominent and successful business and professional men:

"Would you advise a young man of experience and ability, now receiving a fair salary, to go into business for himself in the line of his experience upon borrowed capital?"

The replies were as follows:

"Yes," unqualifiedly..... 40
Equivalent of "yes"..... 12
"Yes," under exceptional circumstances..... 24
"Yes," if only half of his capital is borrowed..... 11
"Yes," if he has great ability..... 8
"Wait," sometimes a good thing..... 7
"Yes," if he can get the money on easy terms..... 6
"Yes," if he has a good amount of himself..... 6
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"No," unqualifiedly..... 15
Equivalent of "no"..... 27
"Ordinarily no"..... 16
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Omitting the indefinite replies, the opinions stand:

"Yes," or practically so..... 40
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The affirmatives and the negatives of the foregoing figures, substantial balances; but the qualifications, comments, and advice given in the votes would indicate that borrowed capital is both safe and unsafe, both advisable and inadvisable, and that it is in the majority of cases attended by considerable risk.

It is a fact, however, that comparatively few men enter business on capital wholly their own, and that the large majority of them borrow from 25 to 75 per cent of the money which they propose to use in establishing and developing their business. It is also a fact that a very large proportion of those entering

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MEXICAN REFUGEES PROTEST.

Douglas, Ariz., April 30.—A mass meeting of Mexican refugees was held here tonight to protest against the action of the government in having ordered them out of Mexico and then having failed to inform them that they were permitted to return to Mexico. The refugees had lost considerable time and money in escaping across the border, only to find upon their arrival here that the order had been rescinded. What made them especially angry was the fact that they learned of the rescinding of the order from Carranza's agent, Robert Tesquera.

CAPT. COLLINS CLEARED.

Baltimore, April 30.—Judge Heuser yesterday dismissed the case against Capt. Glen Collins, ex-officer of the British army, who married Miss Natalie Schenck, of New York, and was divorced by her soon after the honeymoon, charging him with obtaining \$25 on a draft by false pretenses. In acquitting Collins Judge Heuser held that the State had failed to prove its case. When the verdict was announced Collins was congratulated.

SHOT IN QUARREL OVER GIRL.

During a quarrel over a girl, William Hawkins, colored, thirty years old, of 219 O'Neil's court, southwest, was shot three times in the back last night at Second and F streets southeast. Benjamin Campbell, colored, of 618 Second street southwest, is held charged with the shooting. He had an empty revolver when arrested. Hawkins is in a critical condition at Emergency Hospital.

ARGENTINE LAUDS U. S. STAND.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 30.—The newspapers of Buenos Aires continue to commend favorably on what they describe as "the evident desire of Washington to show a spirit of fairness in its relations with the republics of South and Central America."

Another Adventure In Fast Spending

The first stage of our fantastic campaign of spending the Quia money took us as far as Mexico City—which was excitement enough for one day.

And now that you have carefully considered our proposition, perhaps you do not overly care about becoming President Jones of Mexico. Never mind, that's not the only way of advantageously disposing of the money.

You may be one of those persons who has long dreamed about a little farm tucked away in a smiling, fertile valley. If you're really in earnest about it, you ought to begin reading the "Farms for Sale" advertisements. You should study poultry raising—in fact, you might experiment meanwhile with several chickens in your back yard. Don't buy roosters, however; they can't lay eggs, while if you buy hens you might